



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

A PROCLAMATION

PATRIOT DAY

- WHEREAS: On September 11, 2001, our great nation was attacked by evil radical extremists that stole the lives of nearly 3,000 innocent men, women, and children; and
- WHEREAS: Though our nation was changed forever, the events of September 11 failed to divide us or crush the resolve of the American spirit. This tragedy instead unified our country, strengthened our determination, and deepened our commitment to liberty, equality, and justice; and
- WHEREAS: Following one of the darkest days in American history, generosity, hope, and unity were widespread as citizens across the nation joined together, recognizing that our dependence and healing would come only from strength and solidarity; and
- WHEREAS: On the 16th anniversary of September 11, it is our duty as citizens of the United States of America to honor and remember the lives of those who perished, and to grieve with the families and friends of the loved ones left behind; and
- WHEREAS: As we remember the events of that day, we must also commemorate the acts of bravery, courage, and compassion demonstrated by our nation's first responders, firefighters, police officers, and bystanders who came together to offer assistance in the wake of this tragedy; and
- WHEREAS: Today and every day, we salute the courage and perseverance of the men and women of the United States Armed Forces, whose service and sacrifice is unmatched and deserving of the highest praise. May we honor their patriotism and dedication to freedom, as they continue to relentlessly defend the United States of America and protect our nation from future attacks; and
- WHEREAS: On December 18, 2001, Congress and President George W. Bush approved Public Law 107-89, designating September 11th of each year as Patriot Day in remembrance of those whose lives were lost and in honor of the brave and selfless heroes who risked their lives that day; now
- THEREFORE: I, NATHAN DEAL, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim September 11, 2017, as PATRIOT DAY in Georgia in recognition of the courageous men and women who on this day 16 years ago gave their lives in service of others to protect our liberties. I encourage all citizens to observe this day with appropriate gratitude, patriotism, and thankfulness to God.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 11th day of September in the year of our Lord two thousand seventeen.



Nathan Deal

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

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